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Re: Method of Treating Sputtering Target
to Reduce Burn-in Time and Sputtering Target
Thereof and Apparatus Thereof
S/N 10/643,986; Filed: 8/20/2003
Our Ref.: 21,295

Attorney Rosenblum is filing the attached RCE and 4-month extension for me. A reply was due on October 7, 2006 which was Saturday. Although today is a holiday, we are faxing this today to meet the deadline.

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